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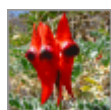
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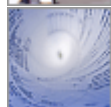
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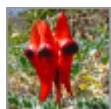
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATISTICAL NEWS AND RELEASES

ABS NEWS AND RELEASES

SA Stats (cat. no. 1345.4)

SA Stats provides an overview of the state's population and economy. This publication is updated on a monthly basis, with most releases also containing a feature article on socio-economic and environmental issues of interest.

SA Stats, September 2009

The September feature article looks at one parent families with dependent children in South Australia. The article examines the characteristics of this type of family using data from the **Census of Population and Housing**. One parent families are often considered to be at a higher risk of social and economic disadvantage, especially in terms of income, employment and housing. Over the last decade, one parent families with dependent children have increased as a proportion of all families in South Australia.

SA Stats, October 2009

In October, SA Stats includes an article focused on people not in the Labour Force. Using data from a variety of sources, the article looks at the recent trend and changing composition of people not in the labour force in South Australia and examines the various factors that may influence a person's ability and willingness to enter the workforce.

SA Stats, November 2009

This month's SA Stats includes an article on crime and safety in South Australia. Feelings of safety and security can contribute to the well-being of individuals and communities. Using data from a variety of ABS sources, this article presents a comparison of the perceptions of crime and safety that are held by South Australians with those of the broader Australian community and highlights some factors that have the potential to influence perceptions. Further, it examines the relationship between perceptions of safety and the actual incidence of crime in South Australia.

New edition of Australian Social Trends

The ABS released the latest edition of Australian Social Trends (cat. no. 4102.0) on 10 December 2009. The publication draws together a wide range of statistics from the ABS and other official sources to provide a picture of Australian society and how it is changing over time.

The latest edition features six articles:

- Patterns in work
- Living alone
- Jobless families

- Smoking, risky drinking and obesity
- Preschool attendance
- International comparisons

The release also includes indicator spreadsheets presenting national and state summary data on housing and family and community as well as summary data comparing Australia with a number of other countries on a range of population, health, education and labour indicators.

The publication shows that:

- The average loan for first home buyers in South Australia more than tripled from \$77,500 in 1998 to \$235,600 in 2009. This reflects a nationwide trend. However, the average first home loan in South Australia in 2009 was considerably lower than the national average of \$269,300.
- South Australians are more likely to be living alone than people in any other state or territory. In 2008, 10.3% of South Australians aged 15-64 years lived alone compared to with 8.7% nationwide. This proportion has been on the rise across the country (from 7.7% in 1998 to 8.7% in 2008) but has been relatively stable in South Australia over the past decade.
- The proportion of South Australian families with children aged under 15 years in which both parents were employed increased by 11 percentage points to 65% in the 10 years to 2008. There was a similar trend, though not as marked, across the country, with the national proportion increasing by six percentage points to 62%.
- Over the same period, the proportion of couple families with children aged under 15 years in which neither parent was employed decreased 4 percentage points to 5%. This was slightly above the national average in 2008 (4.3%).

Australian households embrace recycling - e-waste an exception

Almost every Australian household (99.3%) participated in some form of recycling or reusing of waste, according to Environmental Issues: Waste Management and Transport Use, March 2009 (cat. no. 4602.0.55.002). The publication presents data on household recycling and reuse of waste, methods of disposal of hazardous waste and use/non-use of private and public transport. Household attitudes on maintaining and purchasing motor vehicles are also included. Some results from similar past surveys (1996, 2000, 2003 and 2006) have been included in the publication for purposes of comparison.

Other results include:

- Australians increased their use of public transport to get to work or full-time study over the past decade, rising from 12.2% in 2000 to 14.0% in 2009. South Australians increased their public transport use from 7.9% to 12.2% over the same period. Victoria had the highest level of public transport use in 2009 at 17.4%.
- However, the overwhelming majority of Australians still usually travelled to their place of work or study by car; 79.6% in March 2009 (81.0% in SA) compared to 81.9% in 2000 (85.0% in SA).
- In 2009, 74.1% of South Australians recycled garden waste, the highest of any state or territory. 65.0% of all Australians recycled garden waste.

AFL, netball and swimming top sports for SA children

Data on a range of cultural and recreational activities, including participation in organised sports and use of the Internet, is presented in Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australia, Apr 2009 (cat. no. 4901.0). Children aged from 5 to 14 years inclusive are covered and both state and national data are presented.

Findings for SA include:

- Two thirds (66.3%) of children in SA participated in at least one organised sport, the third highest rate after the ACT (71.3%) and Victoria (68.5%).
- Australian Rules football, swimming and netball were the most highly attended organised sports events in SA. In contrast, swimming, soccer (outdoor) and other organised sports were the most highly attended by children across Australia.
- Rates for accessing the internet and having a mobile phone were similar between SA and Australia. Over three quarters of children (78.6% SA and 79.4% Australia) had accessed the internet and almost a third (31.0% SA and 30.9% Australia) had a mobile phone.

Australia's love of motorcycles continues to grow

Motor Vehicle Census, 31 March 2009 (cat. no. 9309.0) presents statistics relating to vehicles which were registered with a motor vehicle registration authority. Motor vehicle registration statistics are compiled from data made available by various state and territory motor vehicle registration authorities and reflect the information as recorded in registration documents.

Statistics are provided on vehicle types comprising passenger vehicles, campervans, light commercial vehicles, all types of trucks, buses and motorcycles.

Vehicle characteristic information includes make of vehicle, year of manufacture, type of fuel that the vehicle was registered as using, and Gross Vehicle Mass or Gross Combination Mass for trucks. The size of the motor vehicle fleet is also compared with the estimated resident population.

Findings include:

- Motorcycle popularity in Australia continued to grow at a faster rate than any other vehicle type in the twelve months to March 2009, with registrations up by 10.0% (12.9% for SA). Motorcycle (including scooter) registrations have increased by 57.5% over the five years to 2009 (51.8% for SA).
- For the five years to 31 March 2009, the Australian fleet size grew by 15.8% for the nation. SA's registrations grew by 10.3% over this period, the smallest growth rate of all states and territories. WA had the highest growth rate of 23.5%.
- SA had 747 motor vehicles per 1,000 residents at 31 March 2009. Western Australia had the highest rate of all states and territories with 822 vehicles per 1,000 residents, while the Northern Territory had the lowest rate with 577 vehicles per 1,000 residents.
- Average age of passenger vehicles in SA was 10.9 years in 2009, slightly older than the Australian average of 9.7 years.

State of South Australia: From Crisis to Prosperity? Australian Institute for Social Research

Edited by Associate Professor John Spoehr

This book examines the state's prospects of economic recovery from the global financial crisis, analysing key challenges facing the state.

Issues covered by more than 25 contributors to the book include: the state's changing population, Aboriginal policy, gender, health, education, industrial relations, law and order, social inclusion, the arts, environment, urban planning and infrastructure. The book contains analyses in each of these areas which point to the state's prospects of economic recovery in the context of the global economy.

State of Ageing in South Australia. A report to the South Australian Office for the Ageing

This report is a statistical snapshot of South Australia's older population and provides valuable information about what an ageing population means for the state. South Australia's population is older than the nation as a whole and it is expected this pattern will continue to at least 2051.

The report identifies implications and opportunities which will influence policy and service direction for both Government and non-Government sectors as the population ages. The following topics are covered:

- Older population structure and location
- Families and living situations
- Labour market
- Income and wealth
- Health
- Older carers
- Community Connections: social inclusion, volunteerism and social capital
- Indigenous ageing
- Older people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

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Upcoming ABS Statistical Training in South Australia



UPCOMING ABS STATISTICAL TRAINING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Training Calendar

To assist in developing statistical expertise, the ABS can provide training courses to your staff. Our training programs are conducted by ABS staff with expertise in designing questionnaires, analysing data and managing the survey process. Courses can be tailored

to meet the specific needs of your organisation, for example using South Australia-specific information, with the aim of upskilling people in the access, use, interpretation and collection of statistical information.

The ABS also provides regular seminars and information sessions which may focus on statistical developments, publications, trends or issues. The following training is currently scheduled for the Adelaide (SA) office in the first half of 2010.

Turning Data into Information

Date: 9/02/10 - 10/02/10 and 19/05/10 - 20/05/10

Duration: 2 days

Description: This course is intended to provide skills in interpreting, communicating and displaying data clearly and effectively. Participants will gain skills in transforming data into meaningful written information, particularly in respect to social policy issues. At the completion of this course participants will be able to:

- understand how the collection and compilation of data affects their usefulness, quality and relevance;
- communicate results and prepare written reports;
- construct clear tables and graphs; and
- recognise possible pitfalls in analysis.

Who should attend: This course will be most beneficial to people who need to use data to produce reports or social commentary, or people who are involved with monitoring and evaluation in a social context.

Cost: \$750 (inc. GST)

Understanding Demographic Data - Workshop

Date: 25/03/10

Duration: 1 day

Description: This course will provide participants with an understanding of the demographic data framework and the processes which shape the population and includes practical exercises in the analysis of demographic data.

Who should attend: This course will be most beneficial to people who use and/or need to understand demographic data.

Cost: \$450 (inc. GST)

Further details of training courses and registration forms can be found on the [ABS web site](#) (select 'Services' and then 'ABS Training'). The web site also provides information about other training courses that the ABS can present, courses that are scheduled in other states and territories, and on-line training courses. If you or your colleagues are interested in any courses that have not been scheduled in Adelaide, or you are interested in arranging tailored training packages, please contact the Statistical Consultancy Unit on (08) 8237

Symposiums and Conferences



SYMPOSIUMS AND CONFERENCES

NATSTATS 2010



The Australian Bureau of Statistics will be hosting another NatStats conference at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour on 15 - 17 September 2010.

NatStats 2010 will build on the enthusiasm and passion generated by delegates at NatStats08 and aims to build stronger links with key stakeholders, strengthen the understanding of statistical issues within and across governments, and consolidate support for current and emerging statistical initiatives.

An exciting program is being developed and will address a range of issues regarding national statistics. If you would like to hear more about NatStats 2010 Conference, or have any suggestions, please contact Annette Hants on (02) 6252 6936 or email natstats@nss.gov.au.

Feature ABS Releases



FEATURE ABS RELEASES

Publications

Courses of study

The most common field of education (for persons enrolled in a non-school qualification) was Management and commerce (26%), followed by Society and culture (19%), according to figures released in Education and Work, Australia, May 2009 (cat. no. 6227.0). The proportion of people studying Information technology decreased from 9% in 2001 to 3% in 2009.

About 2.7 million people (19% of all Australians aged 15-64) were enrolled in a course of study in May 2009 compared to 18% in 2001.

Qualifications such as Bachelor Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates are being undertaken by more Australians than in previous years. However, the number of apprenticeships dropped from 188,700 in 2008 to 163,000 in 2009.

The number of school leavers not engaged in education or work increased from 36,300 people in 2008 to 60,800 people in 2009, an increase of 67%.

Further details can be found in **Education and Work, Australia, May 2009** (cat. no. 6227.0). It provides selected information on participation in education, highest educational attainment, transition from education to work and current labour force and demographic characteristics for the civilian population aged 15-64 years. Limited information is also included for persons aged 65-74 years who are in the labour force or marginally attached to it.

Increase in Indigenous participation in education and work

According to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey 2008 (cat. no. 4714.0) there has been increased participation by Indigenous people in education and employment over the six years to 2008. As there were also improvements for all Australians, gaps remain between outcomes for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

More young Indigenous people are completing Year 12 and further studies. In 2008, more than one in five Indigenous people (21%) aged 15 - 64 years had completed Year 12 (up from 18% in 2002) while 40% held a non-school qualification (up from 32%). Despite these improvements, educational attainment rates remain at around half those for non-Indigenous people. In 2008, 54% of non-Indigenous people had completed Year 12 and 61% had non-school qualifications.

More Indigenous Australians were in employment in 2008, 54% of people aged 15-64 years, up from 48% in 2002. Correspondingly, the unemployment rate for Indigenous people decreased from 23% to 17%, but this rate was over three times the rate for all Australians in 2008.

Topics summarised in this release include language and culture, social networks and support, health, education, work, housing and financial stress. More detailed results for these and other topics from the survey will be released on the ABS website in 2010.

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ABS Forward Work Program, 2009-10 to 2012-13 (cat. no. 1006.0)

The **ABS Forward Work Program** (cat. no. 1006.0) (FWP) is produced annually and is one of the suite of ABS corporate publications.

The FWP provides background information about statistical and non-statistical programs across the ABS, their objectives and the outputs they produce. It includes details of past and current resource usage, and provides developments in the work program for each of the statistical and non-statistical programs over the next three years. The FWP covers all programs in the ABS, across central office and all eight state and territory regional offices.

The ABS secured an additional \$15m per annum in Government appropriation in the 2009-10 Budget. The increased appropriation enabled the reinstatement of the majority of 2008-09 work program reductions, most notably the reinstatement of the full sample for the

Labour Force Survey and the monthly Retail Survey. These decisions were influenced by an extensive user consultation process. In addition to the increase in the ABS base funding, the ABS has secured additional funding to cover:

- The creation of a new index to measure the out-of-pocket living costs experienced by households whose principal source of income is derived from a pension or other government benefit (see [Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index, \(cat. no. 6467.0\)](#))
- Assistance with the measurement of progress in reforming human service delivery, using performance indicators in Council of Australian Governments (COAG) National Agreements, specifically in the areas of health, disability, education and housing, and
- An increase in Census field-staff pays to ensure compliance with the new National Employment Standards under the revised workplace relations system.

Other Information

New Look Website for the National Statistical Service (NSS)

Some of the new features of the [NSS website](#) include:

- a new look news section;
- an NSS Quickfind - to get you to the most frequently used pages more quickly;
- new licensing of electronic content under Creative Commons;
- faster access to the ABS website from the new homepage icon; and
- the Rate the NSS website survey.

Creative Commons licensing means that people are free to re-use, build upon and share the information - with acknowledgement of the source preferred. For more information on Creative Commons see the article in the [November 2009 newsletter](#) or go to the [Creative Commons website](#).

Another addition is the new "Event Finder" so you can easily and quickly find statistical events in your State or Territory.

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Summary of Selected ABS Releases



SUMMARY OF SELECTED ABS RELEASES

Economic and Social releases

Australian Bureau of Statistics -- Annual Report, 2008-09 (cat. no. 1001.0)

The reports contains performance information for the ABS for the year 2008 - 09. It also contains special articles on climate change and official statistics and the role of statistics in COAG initiatives amongst other topics.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council - Annual Report, 2008-09 (cat. no. 1002.0)

Outlines the functions and activities of the Australian Statistics Advisory Council.

Economic Releases

Australian Grape Crush and Wine Production, 2008-09 (cat. no. 1329.0.55.003)

This issue contains the release of grape crush, beverage wine production and inventories of wine data for 2008-09.

Alternative View of Electricity and Gas Supply Activity, 2006-07 to 2007-08 (cat. no. 4647.0)

This publication presents information based on an alternative view of electricity supply and gas supply activity in Australia for the reference years 2006-07 to 2007-08. The alternative view of electricity supply and gas supply activity presented in this publication was developed in response to user demand for more detailed information on the electricity supply and gas supply segments of the economy. The alternative view is designed to compliment the official ANZSIC based electricity and gas industry statistics presented in Australian Industry, 2007-08 (cat. no. 8155.0).

Estimates are provided for:

- Electricity supply, including generation, transmission, distribution, and on-selling activities;
- Gas supply, including extraction, pipeline transport and distribution (including wholesaling and retail) activities.

Australian National Accounts: Input-Output Tables - Electronic Publication, 2005-06 Final (cat. no. 5209.0.55.001)

The tables include input by industry and output by product group; use of domestic production and imports by industry and final demand categories, and taxes and margins on supply by product.

These tables have been revised following further compilation of the data and this has resulted in an improved allocation of margins in the tables, as well as minor changes to the distribution of Supply, Final Use and Intermediate Use. Users should note there has been no change to these aggregates at purchasers prices.

Australian National Accounts: Non-Profit Institutions Satellite Account, 2006-07 (cat. no. 5256.0)

This publication presents estimates of the direct contribution of the non-profit institutions sector to the Australian economy within the context of a satellite account linked to the Australian System of National Accounts. In addition, data on employment in non-profit institutions and the contribution of volunteer labour, in terms of full time equivalent employment valued at market rates of pay is presented.

Foreign Currency Exposure, Australia, March Quarter 2009 (cat. no. 5308.0)

This publication presents results from an ABS survey of Australian resident enterprises with

exposure to foreign currency. The information collected included foreign equity assets, foreign currency denominated debt assets and liabilities, expected future foreign currency receipts and payments from trade, the principal value of outstanding currency derivative contracts and policies on hedging foreign currency exposure.

International Trade in Services by Country, by State and by Detailed Services Category, Financial Year, 2008-09 (cat. no. 5368.0.55.003)

This data will be released on a Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, Sixth edition (BPM6) basis for the first time. All previous issues of these spreadsheets were on a BPM5 basis.

The spreadsheets contain trade in services credits and debits data for: country and country groups by financial years; financial years by country and country groups; state by financial years; financial years by state; detailed services category by financial years; detailed travel services by financial years by country and country groups; and education related travel credits by financial years by educational sector by type of expenditure.

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Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design, Nov 2007 (Third edition) (cat. no. 6269.0)

This third edition provides information on the re-instatement of the Labour Force Survey sample over the period September to December 2009. The fully re-instated sample takes effect from the December 2009 survey (estimates released on 15 January 2010).

Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types, September 2009 (cat. no. 6463.0)

This publication presents analytical living cost indexes for selected Australian household types. These price indexes are designed specifically to measure the impact of changes in prices on the out-of-pocket living costs experienced by four household types: Employee households; Age pensioner households; Other government transfer recipient households; Self-funded retiree households.

Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index, September 2009 (cat. no. 6467.0)

The Consumer Price Index is designed to measure price inflation for the household sector as a whole and, as such, is not the conceptually ideal measure for assessing the impact of price changes on the disposable incomes of a subgroup of the population (e.g. pensioners). To address this, the Government has requested the ABS produce a new index - the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index (PBLCI). The Government will use the PBLCI as a new measure of price change to index base pension rates where it is higher than the CPI.

Research and Experimental Development, Businesses, Australia, 2007-08 (cat. no. 8104.0)

This release presents summary statistics on Research and Experimental Development (R&D) undertaken by Australian businesses including expenditure and human resources devoted to R&D carried out by businesses in Australia, classified by industry, type of expenditure, source of funds, type of employee, enterprise employment size, research field, socioeconomic objective and location of expenditure. Most data are expressed in current prices but key aggregates are also expressed in volume terms.

Internet Activity, Australia, Jun 2009 (cat. no. 8153.0)

This publication contains details of internet activity supplied by Internet Service Providers in Australia. It includes information on internet subscribers and their type of connection, the type of user (business/household), the volume of data downloaded, the speed of the internet connection and the location of the subscriber (by state or territory).

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Social Releases

Research Paper: Estimating Population Totals by Combining Household Surveys (Methodology Advisory Committee), Jun 2009 (cat. no. 1352.0.55.102)

The ABS is often asked by clients to review the accuracy of its population estimates, in light of fresh information, new demographic techniques and a desire for ongoing improvement. In response to this, the ABS has explored opportunities to combine surveys in various ways. This paper uses diagnostics to test the validity of the measurement model which is used to combine the Labour Force Survey and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey to estimate employment characteristics about the Indigenous population.

Census of Population and Housing: Nature and Content, 2011 (cat. no. 2008.0)

This report outlines the content of the 2011 Census of Population and Housing and the procedures to be followed in collecting, processing and releasing the data.

Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0)

This publication contains experimental estimates and projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Indigenous) population of Australia and the states and territories for 30 June 1991 to 30 June 2021, based on the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Estimates for 30 June 1986 to 30 June 1990 are also included, however these estimates should be interpreted with caution given the 20 year interval for which the assumption of improving life expectancy is applied..

Births, Australia, 2008 (cat. no. 3301.0)

This publication brings together statistics for live births and fertility in Australia.

It also includes detailed statistics on male and female births; births of Indigenous children; age and birthplace of parents; duration of marriage; previous children; nuptial and ex-nuptial births; single and multiple births; usual residence of mother (by state or territory); and regional comparisons.

Deaths, Australia, 2008 (cat. no. 3302.0)

This publication presents statistics on deaths and mortality for Australia, states and territories, and sub-state regions. Information on characteristics of the deceased include place of usual residence, age at death, sex, Indigenous status and country of birth. Information is also provided on infant deaths, life expectancy and death rates.

In 2008 infant deaths and deaths of children aged 1-4 years comprised less than one percent of all deaths in Australia. Caution should be used when disaggregating data to more detailed levels - in particular, by Indigenous status and state/territory of usual residence as derived mortality rates may have high levels of uncertainty. A Technical Note illustrates levels of uncertainty for infant and child (1-4 years) mortality rates for 2006-2008, by

state/territory, sex and Indigenous status of the child, through the calculation of confidence intervals. See the publication for further details.

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Life Tables, Australia, 2006-2008 (cat. no. 3302.0.55.001)

This product contains Australian life tables for males and females for 2006-08. A life table is a statistical model used to represent mortality of a population. In its simplest form, a life table is generated from age-specific death rates and the resulting values are used to measure mortality, survivorship and life expectancy.

Perinatal Deaths, Australia, 2007 (cat. no. 3304.0)

These datacubes present statistics on the number of perinatal deaths, for year of registration by state or territory of Australia, sex and cause of death classified to the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases.

In prior years, these statistics have been included in *Causes of Death, Australia (cat. no. 3303.0)*.

Housing Mobility and Conditions, 2007-08 (cat. no. 4130.0.55.002)

This publication presents data from the Survey of Income and Housing (SIH). The selected housing topics include length of time in dwelling, number of times moved in last five years, reasons for moving, and characteristics of the previous dwelling occupied. The data also includes aspects of the dwelling occupied, such as any major structural problems, repairs and maintenance carried out in the past 12 months, and sources of energy and water. For first home buyers, data on home deposits paid and any monetary assistance received for the purchase are provided.

Sports and Physical Recreation: A Statistical Overview, Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 4156.0)

Topics covered in this publication include output of the sports and physical recreation sector, employment in sports and physical recreation, government outlays on recreation, international trade in sports and physical recreation goods, attendances at sporting events, and participation in sports and physical recreation activities.

Perspectives on Sport, Dec 2009 (cat. no. 4156.0.55.001)

The Perspectives on Sport provide users with articles that discuss issues relating to sport and sporting programs that are commonplace within the Australian political and media landscape. In this issue articles examine participation or involvement in sport of children, migrants and people with a disability.

Arts and Culture in Australia: A Statistical Overview, 2009 (cat. no. 4172.0)

This publication contains information on a range of topics including employment in culture, time spent on cultural activities, attendances at cultural venues and events, expenditure on culture, and imports and exports of cultural goods and services. Also provides profiles of the cultural sectors such as museums, literature and print media and environmental heritage.

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About this Release

Statistical News SA provides readers with new and relevant information about significant ABS data releases, state data releases, survey developments, training, information sessions and major changes to the statistical program.

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